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General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

12:00 — 81st plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

[webcast]

1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/69/L.54) [item 13]
2. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction: draft decision (A/69/L.56) [items 7[1] and 19 (c)]
3. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft decision (A/69/L.57) [items 13 (a) and 115)]

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[1]To reallocate sub-item (c) of agenda item 19.

Security Council

15:00 — 7399th meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Libya

   Special report of the Secretary-General on the strategic assessment of the United Nations presence in Libya (S/2015/113)

   Letter dated 23 February 2015 from the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/128)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2015/144)

Afternoon[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria) (S/2015/138)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7399th meeting.

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4. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [item 112 (b)]

5. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items; Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/565/Add.2) [items 7[1] and 113 (b)]

[1] To reopen sub-item (b) of agenda item 113.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 147 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Construction Arusha branch (A/69/734 and A/69/788))	
	Agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/69/643, A/69/643/Corr.1 and A/69/787))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Recosting study (A/69/381 and A/69/640))	
	Agenda item 137 (Human resources management (A/69/190, A/69/190/Add.1, A/69/190/Add.2, A/69/190/Add.2/Corr.1, A/69/190/Add.3, A/69/190/Add.4, A/69/292, A/69/292/Add.1, A/69/283, A/69/117, A/69/332 and A/69/572))	

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2015 substantive session

Sub-working Group 4

10:00 to 11:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

Sub-working Group 1

11:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

Sub-working Group 2

15:00 to 17:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

Working Group of the Whole

17:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/69/642, A/69/642/Add.1 and A/69/651) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
2. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-sixth session

10:00 to 13:00 5th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 1

1. Items for discussion and decision [item 3]
   - (f) National accounts (E/CN.3/2015/11)
   - (g) International trade and economic globalization statistics (E/CN.3/2015/12)
   - (h) Environments-economic accounting (E/CN.3/2015/13)
   - (i) International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2015/14 and E/CN.3/2015/15)
   - (j) Agriculture and rural statistics (E/CN.3/2015/16)
   - (k) Governance, peace and security statistics (E/CN.3/2015/17)
   - (l) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (E/CN.3/2015/18)
   - (m) Regional statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean (E/CN.3/2015/19)
2. Items for information [item 4]
   - (a) Health statistics (E/CN.3/2015/20)
   - (b) Gender statistics (E/CN.3/2015/21)
   - (c) Civil registration and vital statistics (E/CN.3/2015/22)
   - (d) Business registers (E/CN.3/2015/23)
   - (e) Service statistics (E/CN.3/2015/24)

(f) Finance statistics (E/CN.3/2015/25)

(g) Environment statistics (E/CN.3/2015/26)

(h) Statistics for economies based on natural resources (E/CN.3/2015/27)

(i) World Statistics Day (E/CN.3/2015/28)

(j) Coordination of statistical programmes (E/CN.3/2015/29 and E/CN.3/2015/30)

(k) Statistics of human development (E/CN.3/2015/31)

(l) International statistical classifications (E/CN.3/2015/32)

(m) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata (E/CN.3/2015/33)

(n) Statistical capacity-building (E/CN.3/2015/34 and E/CN.3/2015/35)

(o) Development indicators (E/CN.3/2015/36)

(p) Integration of statistical and geospatial information (E/CN.3/2015/37)

(q) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.3/2015/38)

[Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for this session.

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Further information on the session can be obtained on the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-sixth session the Commission, please *click here*.]

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

The facilitator of the draft resolution on methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women will convene informal consultations *today*, 5 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirty-seventh session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 5 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 5 March 2015

Asia-Pacific Group (meeting for Member States of the International Seabed Authority)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 11:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

13:30 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Thursday, 5 March 2015

International Women's Day Forum 2015 entitled "The Empowerment Bridge: Building a Lifetime of Opportunity for Women and Girls" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships, UN-Women, the United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Microsoft)

From 09:15 to 17:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabrielle Dew, United Nations Office for Partnerships (e-mail partnerships@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1000).]

Briefing on "Climate Finance and Civil Society: Where We Are, Where We Are Going" (organized by the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 4. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Special event on "Responding to the Needs of the Young and those Living in Poverty: A Salesian Multi-Dimensional Response" (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Salesians of Don Bosco)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Sister Birgit Dechant, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail office@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).]

High-level symposium on "One Ocean: Achieving Sustainability through Sanctuaries" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Bahamas, Fiji, Israel, Italy and Palau, and the Delegation of the European Union, in collaboration with the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance, the Global Partnerships Forum and the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science)

From *15:00* to 18:30, in Conference Room 4. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kenlie Lipiano, Permanent Mission of Palau (e-mail proffice@palauun.org; tel. 1 (212) 813-0310).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 5 March 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:45	His Excellency Ahmet Davutoğlu, Prime Minister of Turkey
12:15	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will take place in Sendai, Japan from Saturday, 14 to Wednesday, 18 March 2015. The list of speakers *is open for inscriptions*. Delegations are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)). For additional information, please see page 16.

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 6 March 2015

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

High-level Thematic Debate on Advancing Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls for a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda[1]

Opening

Statements by: *President of the General Assembly*
Secretary-General of the United Nations

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive Panel 1

Women's economic and political empowerment, including access to and control over economic and productive resources and active participation in governance and decision-making

10:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive Panel 2

Access to quality education and skills development as tools for empowerment of women and girls

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Closing

Statement by the President of the General Assembly

17:45 Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1]Letters from the President of the General Assembly dated 19 January 2015 and 27 February 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. The Economic and Social Council Chamber will serve as overflow room.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Informal meeting under agenda item 74 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

An informal meeting on the way forward on the recommendations adopted on 23 January 2015 by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held on Friday, 13 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 30th meeting on Friday, 6 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 30th meeting and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2015 substantive session

The 2015 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 6 April, to Friday, 24 April 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 6 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via Note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Eleventh round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 69/109 of 9 December 2014, the eleventh round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held on Monday, 16 and Tuesday, 17 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Pursuant to paragraph 46 of the resolution, States, and entities that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The informal consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York for one week in the first part of 2016. An event to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Agreement will be held on Tuesday, 17 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the context of the informal consultations.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Informal Consultations to the Division *by Friday, 13 March 2015* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirty-seventh session

There will be closed plenary meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, from Monday, 9 to Friday, 13 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution of the operational activities segment (E/2015/L.3) convened by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency Maria Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), and facilitated by Ms. Marcela Ordoñez (Colombia) will be held on Monday, 9 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 and on Tuesday, 10 March, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Integration segment (30 March-1 April 2015)

The integration segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), will be held from Monday, 30 March, to Wednesday, 1 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Pursuant to Council decision 2015/204, the theme for the segment is "Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. For additional information, including the draft programme and related side events, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of the integration segment will be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from 17:00 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 1 April, from 11:00 to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1285)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day. The time limit set for statements

during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

Coordination and management meeting (8-10 April 2015)

The coordination and management meeting chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will be held from Wednesday, 8 to Friday, 10 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Information on the meeting will be made available on the website of the Council in due course.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies during the April coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies on which the Council will take action is contained in document E/2015/1/Add.1.

Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups are invited to submit their nominations *no later* than Friday, 20 March 2015, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (sharma7@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (constablem@un.org) or by mail to ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meetings of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council, containing the names of the participants to all the meetings of the Council.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2015 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the Council's PaperSmart Portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Council's PaperSmart Portal only after delivery by delegations.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

The fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 9 to Friday, 20 March 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 9 March, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2015/1 and E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission Website (*click here*). To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations as soon as possible (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935, with a copy to Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat by *today*, 5 March 2015, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers for the general discussion *is open*. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

General discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 9 March, in the morning, and will continue in the afternoon of Monday, 9 March, the afternoon of Tuesday, 10 March; and the mornings of Wednesday, 11, to Friday, 13 March.

For the schedule of the general discussions for the following week, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables and panel discussions

The Commission will hold four Ministerial round tables during its fifty-ninth session on Tuesday, 10 March 2015. For the themes and schedule, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2015/4).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the Minister, together with a first preference for participation in one Ministerial round table and one back-up option, to Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). No speakers' lists will be established for the Commission's interactive events.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-ninth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-eighth session

The forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 April 2015. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 13 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2015/1 and E/CN.9/2015/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate will be announced in due course.

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 13 April 2015 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2015/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-ninth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-eighth session.

Side events

Information on side events, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here.*

Briefing on organizational matters and logistics

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, Her Excellency Bénédicte Frankinet (Belgium), will hold a briefing on organizational matters and logistics of the forty-eighth session of the Commission, on Thursday, 12 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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mittee for Programme and Coordination
-fifth session
anizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5, for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2015/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2015/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

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The Bureau of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) will convene informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 9 March 2015, from 09:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8, and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The objective of the consultations is to seek further views from Member States of the Forum on the elements and components of the UNFF11 ministerial declaration, and the resolution on the international arrangement on forests (IAF) beyond 2015, building on the proposal from the Co-Chairs of the ad hoc expert

group (AHEG) on the IAF, as contained in Section XII of the Annex to the report of the second meeting of the AHEG (E/CN.18/2015/11). Representatives of all permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend the informal consultations. For further information, please contact Mr. Ryo Nakamura, UNFF secretariat (e-mail nakamura@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5914); or visit the website of the Forum secretariat (please *click here*).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services will hold an informal consultation on the draft UNDP Evaluation Policy on Monday, 9 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 13. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*click here*).

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are closed.

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 12 March 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 12.

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 12 March 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

International Criminal Court: Working Group on Amendments

Monday, 16 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Forthcoming other activities

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Events on Global Education on "Information meeting on World Education Forum 2015" and "Seminar on Global Citizenship Education" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in support of the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative (GEFI))

Friday, 6 March 2015, from 12:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Boran Choi, UNESCO (e-mail b.choi@unesco.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5989). To register, please *click here*.]

Event on "Accountability and gender equality – lessons learned from the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPFA) for the Post-2015 Agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Switzerland and Uruguay, in collaboration with the Center for Reproductive Rights and Amnesty International)

Friday, 6 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Esther May, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail esther.may@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1138).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

The third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from Saturday, 14 to Wednesday, 18 March 2015, in the Sendai International Centre, Sendai, Japan, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013. Also, the Preparatory Committee for the Conference will hold its third session on 13 March 2015 in Sendai.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

List of speakers for the plenary meetings

Inscription on the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Conference (item 8 of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/1), "General exchange of views") *is open.*

All delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)) indicating the name and title of the speaker. For questions on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views will be established on a

first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to email a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement under agenda item 9 (Statements by inter-governmental and other organizations) and item 10 (Statements by non-governmental organizations) of the provisional agenda in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.224/3): (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) specialized agencies and related organizations; (c) other intergovernmental organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; and (e) associate members of regional commissions. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups may also be added to the list of speakers. Representatives of these organizations and entities may contact the Secretariat (Ms. Maria Pamela Portillo (e-mail portillo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5139) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Ministerial roundtables

The topics of the five ministerial roundtables are "Governing Disaster Risk: Overcoming Challenges"; "International Cooperation in support of a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction"; "Reducing Disaster Risk in Urban Settings"; "Reconstructing after Disasters: Build Back Better" and "Public Investment Strategies for Disaster Risk Reduction".

The roundtables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with 45 seats each: up to 40 for Government delegations and at least 5 for other participants, including representatives of observers, entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations and major groups. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the roundtables at the highest possible level. In a Note Verbale dated 28 November 2014, delegations were requested to submit three choices, in order of preference, together with the name, title and email address of the participating minister and delegate to the Secretariat (e-mail palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org). Concept notes on the ministerial roundtables are available on the Conference website.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

The topics of the three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are "Mobilizing Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction", "Risk Sensitive Investment: Public-Private Partnerships", and "Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together".

The high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive and open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair or Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum

participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*. Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat by e-mail (palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level. Concept notes on the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are available on the Conference website.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata, Room 3-3606; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto, Room S-3639). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the Conference website (*click here*).

Announcements

ning for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following trainings (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *March*:

Finding Speeches

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Introduction to Library Services

Introduction to United Nations Budget Documents

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its note verbale ODA/02-2015/FP, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. The *deadline is Friday, 17 April 2015*.

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. For additional information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international

law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 3 March 2015

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-sixth session

[archived video]

2nd meeting

Broader measures of progress [item 3 (a) (i)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements from the observers for the Philippines, South Africa, Indonesia, Egypt, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Kyrgyzstan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Poland, Colombia, Mexico, Denmark, Croatia, Australia, Canada, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Portugal, Turkmenistan, Ghana, Greece, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Finland and France.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The Director of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

Emerging issues: the data revolution [item 3 (a) (ii)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the Chief of the Statistical Services Branch, who introduced document E/CN.3/2015/3.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba, the United Kingdom and Hungary, as well as by the observers for South Africa, Samoa (on behalf of the Small Islands Developing States of the Pacific), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, India, Colombia, Suriname, Mexico, Timor-Leste and Ecuador.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Observer State of Palestine, CARICOM and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), speaking on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA).

The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch, DESA, summarized the discussion.

Big data [item 3 (a) (iii)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for Australia, who introduced document E/CN.3/2015/4.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Italy and Japan, as well as by the observers for South Africa, Ghana, Saint Lucia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Poland, Suriname, Ireland, Indonesia, Madagascar and the Sudan.

Statements were also made by the observers for the European Union, the European Commission (EUROSTAT) and the World Bank.

The Chief of the Trade Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Wednesday, 4 March 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7397th meeting

Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Note by the President (S/2015/131)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/155, submitted by the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/155) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/155) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2207 (2015).

7398th meeting

The situation in Libya

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2015/144)

Letter dated 23 February 2015 from the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/128)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Libya to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Bernardino León, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. León, via video-teleconference from Rome.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Hussein Haniff, Permanent Representative of Malaysia, speaking in his capacity as the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Libya.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

29th meeting

Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 147]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Construction Arusha branch

The Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/69/734).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/69/788).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Algeria (on behalf of the African Group).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question just introduced would be held as reflected in the programme of work and would be coordinated by Ms. Dayana Hyppolite (Haiti).

Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 132]

Standards of accommodation for air travel

The Director, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Department of Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/69/643 and A/69/643/Corr.1).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/69/787).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and

Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Japan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question just introduced would be held as reflected in the programme of work and would be coordinated by Ms. Aline Mukashyaka (Rwanda), Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015), in particular on the question of Safety and Security: Programme criticality, would be held immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting and would be coordinated by Ms. Aba Ayebi-Arthur (Ghana).

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

[archived video]

14th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution E/2015/L.4

The Council had before its draft resolution E/2015/L.4, submitted by the President of the Council, on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted draft resolution E/2015/L.4.

Following the adoption, a statement was made by the representative of Tunisia.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [item 4]

Seven members of the Council to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, in accordance with resolution 2008/38 of 19 December 2008, for a term expiring on 31 December 2016: Brazil, Croatia, Italy, Nepal, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and Trinidad and Tobago.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council was informed that Panama has resigned from its seat on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme effective immediately. The Council then elected, by acclamation, Guatemala to complete the term of office of Panama beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2017.

Organization of work

The Vice-President made a statement.

Statistical Commission
Forty-sixth session

[archived video]

3rd meeting

Transformative agenda for official statistics [item 3 (a) (iv)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the Chief of the Economics Statistics Branch, who introduced document E/CN.3/2015/5.

The observer for Ireland made a statement.

Further statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Italy, Japan and Hungary, as well as by the observers for Canada, South Africa, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Azerbaijan, the Philippines, Slovenia, Pakistan, Haiti, Côte d'Ivoire, Armenia, Finland, Turkey and Poland.

Statements were also made by the observers for the European Commission (EUROSTAT) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

The Chief of the Economics Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Population and housing censuses [item 3 (b)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, who introduced document E/CN.3/2015/6.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, China, the Russian Federation, Angola and the United States, as well as by the observers for Jordan, Suriname, South Africa, Bahrain, Egypt, Ghana, Gambia, Turkey, Cabo Verde, the Philippines, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Somalia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Bahamas, Timor-Leste, Belarus, the Federated States of Micronesia and Haiti.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Crime statistics [item 3 (c)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), who introduced documents E/CN.3/2015/7 and E/CN.3/2015/8.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic and Cuba, as well as by the observer for Mexico.

4th meeting

Crime statistics [item 3 (c)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements from the representatives of the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Mongolia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, the United States, Italy, the Niger and Sweden, as well as by the observers for Qatar, Suriname, the Philippines, South Africa, the Republic of Korea, France, Portugal, Egypt, Cabo Verde and Ecuador.

A statement was also made by the observer for the European Commission (EUROSTAT).

The Chief of the Industrial Statistics Section summarized the discussion.

Refugee statistics [item 3 (d)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for Norway, who introduced document E/CN.3/2015/9.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Germany, Mongolia, Bulgaria, the Niger and Italy, as well as by the observers for Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, South Africa, Uganda, Suriname, Turkey, Poland, Côte d'Ivoire, Finland, Greece, Bahrain, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Observer State of Palestine, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the European Commission (EUROSTAT), the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Household statistics [item 3 (e)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for the World Bank, who introduced document E/CN.3/2015/10.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Brazil, China, New Zealand, Mongolia, the United Kingdom, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sweden, Cuba, Italy, the United States and Cameroon, as well as by the observers for Kuwait, Fiji (on behalf of the Asian States and Pacific small island developing States), South Africa, India, Suriname, Saint Lucia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Philippines, Egypt, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakistan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Cabo Verde, the Bahamas, France, Uganda, Greece and Ecuador.

Statements were also made by the observers for the International Labor Organization (ILO), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

The Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

National accounts [item 3 (f)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for the World Bank, who introduced document E/CN.3/2015/11.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Cameroon, as well as by the observer for Egypt.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

Asia-Pacific States:

Tuvalu
His Excellency Aunese Makoi Simati

African States:
Namibia
His Excellency Wilfried Emvula

Asia-Pacific States:
Yemen
His Excellency Khaled Hussein Mohamed Alyemany

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
His Excellency Andrej Logar

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
His Excellency Courtenay Rattray

Western European and other States:
Belgium
Her Excellency Bénédicte Frankinet

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

formation regarding the *Journal* of the United Nations

The *Journal* of the United Nations is issued daily in English and in French. During the main part of the General Assembly session (September to December), it is also issued in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish.

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Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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